

Lord Geo. Germain

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Lord George Germain has the honor of sending  
your Majesty letters from Sr Henry Clinton  
and the Commissioners at New York brought  
by Colonel Patterson and Sir Richard  
Dorchester. Your Majesty's troops have  
done themselves great honor in an  
action on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June in the  
 Jerseys, and the army and all the  
Baggage arrived at New York on the  
4<sup>th</sup> of July. Comd<sup>g</sup> Estuyns Fleet

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arrived on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July and anchored  
at Sandyhook, having first look'd  
into Chesapeake Bay, and into the  
Delaware so that they might land  
Howe and transports only by a few  
days. Lord Howe found a line  
with in Sandyhook with six  
ships of 64, 3 of 50 and 2 of 40 guns  
besides several frigates and the  
vigilant carrying 14. 24 pounds.

Colonel Patterson sail'd on the 18<sup>th</sup> of  
July by a passage which avoided  
Sandyhook, and Sir Henry Clinton  
sent an aide de camp on board the  
Packet the morning he sail'd to  
acquaint him that Lord Estanges  
fleet was preparing to sail, and he  
had reason to believe intended an  
Attack upon Rhode Island. Had Admi-  
-ral Byrnes Squadron met with  
a Storm and Estanges fleet met here

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been destroyed, if any part of Admiral  
Byrnes's Fleet arrives in time, and  
it may still act with success.  
The Evacuation of Philadelphia will  
now probably be approved by the  
Committee.

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If your Majesty please to see Colonel Pitt  
to morrow, and George will lead to him